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In re Application of:

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For: IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS,
IMAGE RECORDING METHOD,
METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
THE IMAGE RECORDING
APPARATUS, STORAGE MEDIUM
STORING A PROGRAM CAPABLE
OF BEING READ BY A
COMPUTER, AND IMAGE
PROCESSING METHOD



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

- 1) U.S. Patent No. 4,608,577
- 2) U.S. Patent No. 4,740,796
- 3) U.S. Patent No. 4,723,129
- 4) U.S. Patent No. 4,463,359
- 5) U.S. Patent No. 4,345,262
- 6) U.S. Patent No. 4,313,124
- 7) U.S. Patent No. 4,558,333
- 8) U.S. Patent No. 4,459,600
- 9) Japan 59-138461
- 10) Japan 59-123670
- 11) Japan 60-71260
- 12) Japan 54-56847


Documents 2-8 were discussed in the specification at page 77, documents 9-10 were cited in the specification at page 78 and documents 11-12 were cited in the specification at page 79 and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

The abstract for Japan 60-71260 lists U.S. Patent No 4,608,577 as an English language counterpart; a copy of that U.S. patent is enclosed and is also listed on Form PTO-1449.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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